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Annual Report Inside

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New Events Offer Family Fun in the City

Welcome Fall with the Wine and Music Festival, Raft Day and Health Fair

Summer is coming to a close, but Rockville offers plenty of new events to enjoy in September. From wine and music to a day lounging on a raft, to a dip in the pool for your pet, to a day dedicated to health, there's something for everyone.

Take in the final days of summer at the pool. On Saturday, Sept. 6, Rockville Municipal Swim Center will open the pool to rafts for the first-ever Raft Day. And don't forget about your dog. Return to the swim center on Sunday, Sept. 7, for Doggie Dip Day, when owners and their poodles can enjoy a day of fun.

Tickets for Raft Day are \$5 per person. All proceeds will go toward Rockville's Youth Recreation Fund, which provides financial assistance to those who would otherwise not be able to participate in City recreation programs and activities. Only clear rafts

will be allowed in the pool. A silent auction will also be held that evening as an additional fundraiser.

If drier activities better suit your interests, come to the Community Health Fair on Saturday, Sept. 20, held in conjunction with the Rockville Farmers Market. This is a chance to grab some farm fresh produce and get some health tips, too.

The fall health fair will focus on women's health issues as the Community Health Fair partners with ARBA's Women's Health Day. The theme, "Know Your Numbers," encourages residents to take advantage of the many health screenings being offered.

The fair will feature a mix of health-oriented vendors and free health screenings for blood pressure, body fat, vision,

and spine and bone density. Information on diabetes, smoking, weight control, exercise, oral care, elder care and herbal medicine will also be available, and all in attendance will receive giveaways and the opportunity to speak with doctors and specialists.

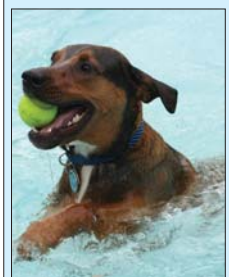
Then on Saturday, Sept. 27, don't miss the chance to "get un-corked" at the City's second annual Wine and Music Festival. Enjoy the best wines from across the state as well as cooking demonstrations, wine seminars and musical entertainment. A commemorative wine glass will be given to the first 2,000 attendees.

Rockville's Concerts in the Square series is coming to an end, but there are still two more in September. Enjoy the night air with the sounds of jazz, folk, blues or country to entertain. So bring a chair, pack a picnic and take in the sounds of the free concert series. **RR**

— by Gabrielle Stranieri



The Uncorked Wine and Music Festival will be held in Town Center from noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 27 with numerous vendors.



Much to Do In September

Thursday Night Concert Series:
Sept. 4: Lyuti Chushki – Bulgarian and Macedonian Folk, free

Sept. 11: Rob Thorworth – Blues/Rock, 6-8 p.m., Rockville Town Square, free

Sept. 6: **Raft Day:** noon to 6 p.m., Rockville Municipal Swim Center, \$5 per person

Sept. 7: **Doggie Dip Day:** noon to 4 p.m., Rockville Municipal Swim Center, \$5 per dog

Sept. 20: **Community Health Fair:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monroe Street and Route 28, free

Sept. 27: **Un-Corked Wine and Music Festival:** noon to 6 p.m., Rockville Town Square, \$10 per person

City Helps Residents Transition to First Phase of New Refuse and Recycling System

About 4,000 Rockville households will be included in Phase 1 of the new once-per-week, semi-automated refuse and recycling collection scheduled to begin the last week of October.

In September, residents who live in the neighborhoods included in Phase 1 should expect to receive a mailing that outlines a public meeting schedule, details on the program and a form to choose the size of their new carts.

The neighborhoods that will be part of Phase 1 include Potomac Woods, Orchard Ridge, Falls Ridge, Potomac Springs, Lincoln Park, David Scull, Burgundy Knolls, East Rockville, Redgate Farms, Rose Hill, Rose Hill Falls, Lynfield, Big Oak Court and Waddington,

as well as those in the former pilot area, and most of Burgundy Estates and Horizon Hill.

The meetings will be held to give residents a chance to learn exactly how the program will work, and include a demonstration on how the new carts and trucks will operate.

The semi-automated system will use mechanical arms mounted on trucks to tip the carts provided by the City. Knuckleboom trucks also will be used to assist in collecting bulk items that do not fit in refuse carts and will be tested on tree branch and yard waste collection. Carts will be available in four size choices, depending on residents' needs for both refuse and recycling.

Recycling services also will be affected. Single-stream recycling, which allows residents to use one cart for all recyclable materials as opposed to sorting, got under way in July. The City

anticipates the next phase starting in April.

For more information, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/refuse-recycling/index.html or call 240-314-8568. **RR**

Plastic Recycling

Rigid plastics are often identified as waste, but the City wants to emphasize that **they can be included in recycling**. The following can be included:

- Narrow-neck plastic containers (other than for motor oil)
- Wide-mouth containers, such as peanut butter, margarine/butter tubs, yogurt, cottage cheese, etc. (please note that

the lids and caps **do not** need to be removed)

- Rigid plastics including milk/soda crates, buckets with metal handles, laundry baskets, lawn furniture, coolers, drinking cups/glasses, toys and empty garbage/recycling bins
- Bagged plastic film, such as grocery bags contained within one bag or shrink wrap contained within one bag.

Outreach Begins in Master Plan Review Process

A review of the Comprehensive Master Plan, which directs development and conservation activities, is just beginning.

Outreach to the community and the various boards and commissions began in August. The Mayor and Council are expected to receive a briefing at their Sept. 8 meeting.

The Comprehensive Master Plan was last updated in 2002 and a review of the land-use document is required by the state every six years.

Once the review is complete, all input will be forward to Rockville's Planning Commission. The commission will decide if a formal revision process is needed.

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• Projects in the Pipeline •

The City of Rockville has numerous projects that will come before various boards, commissions and the Mayor and Council in September. Each are in a different phase of review.

Highlights:

- Addition of a new classroom building to existing school at St. Raphael's Parish – Planning Commission
- Variance from the side yard setback requirement to construct a one-car garage, Nelson Street – Board of Appeals
- Variance from fence height limitation in the front yard, Douglas

Avenue – Board of Appeals

- Construct a new science center building, relocate parking and tennis courts on Montgomery College Campus – Planning Commission

To learn more about these and other projects being reviewed, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/government/cpds.htm. **RR**

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In Brief

Submit a Nomination for Arts Awards

Rockville is seeking nominations for the 2008 Rockville Arts Awards, sponsored by the Mayor and Council and the Cultural Arts Commission.

The awards honor individuals, arts organizations and arts patrons who support the arts in Rockville.

Nomination forms will be available at Rockville City Hall, Glenview Mansion, F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, Rockville Senior Center and Rockville Municipal Swim Center. The deadline to submit nomination forms is Monday, Sept. 10.

For information go to www.rockvillemd.gov/arts.

CALL 240-314-8681 FOR INFO

Bill Paying Made Easier in Rockville

Beginning October, all City departments will accept credit cards.

Customers should be aware that the City will have two models for credit card payment. The

first model is for payments where the City contracts with a vendor, who may charge a fee. This would include both parking and speeding citations, and eventually will also include red light camera citations and utility bills. The second model is for all other payments where the City provides the collection; no service fee will be charged.

CALL 240-314-8421 FOR INFO

Help Plan the City's 150-Year Celebration

The City of Rockville is gearing up to celebrate its 150th anniversary and it needs help from residents and business owners.

Rockville will mark its sesquicentennial – occurring every 150 years – anniversary as an incorporated city on March 10, 2010.

To honor the milestone, City officials are inviting residents and business owners to lead the planning and develop ideas for the celebration. The task force that is created will meet several times this fall to determine themes, activities, outreach efforts and budget needs.

If you would like to participate, send a resume along with

an Expression of Interest Form to the attention of Sesquicentennial Celebration, City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. The Expression of Interest Form can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/InterestForm.pdf.

CALL 240-314-8280 FOR INFO

Citizens Police Academy Offers Insight Beyond the Badge

The academy, now in its 18th year, is a free nine-week program held 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays from Sept. 17 to Nov. 19.

"The Rockville Citizens Police Academy is a tool for the citizens of Rockville to learn about the police department, different aspects of police work and get to know the officers of Rockville police," said Cpl. Ken Matney, the program leader.

Citizens who attend at least seven of the 10 classes will receive a certificate of completion. To register, e-mail Cpl. Matney at cs0@rockvillemd.gov with your name and contact information.

CALL 240-314-8922 FOR INFO

Testing Dates Set for Allowing Dogs to Run Off-Leash

Dog owners who want to allow their dogs to run off leash can do so after their canine companion passes an off-leash test. The Neighborhood Services Division of the Rockville City Police Department administers an Off-Leash with Permission Program to allow dogs to be walked without a leash. The two-part test certifies the dog and its owner.

Beginning in September, off-leash testing will take place three times a year. In January, May and September at 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month. The next testing date is Sept. 20. Pre-registration is required. Call Rockville Police for an appointment. Go to www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/police/neighborhoodserv/offleash.html to learn more about the program.

CALL 240-314-8937 FOR INFO

Save the Date

The Dedication of Mattie's Peace Garden Park – a park in King Farm named in honor of

Mattie J. T. Stepanek – is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. At the dedication, life-sized statues of Mattie and his service dog, Micah, will be unveiled. Benches with quotes from Mattie's books, along with personalized bricks, will be positioned around the park.

Mattie Stepanek was afflicted with Dysautonomic Mitochondrial Myopathy (a form of Muscular Dystrophy) and is remembered for promoting hope and peace.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/cip/stepanek-park.gif for an overview map of the park.

Help a Child by Becoming a Mentor

The City of Rockville Mentoring Program is in need of volunteers. The mentoring program gives adults and high school students a chance to work one-on-one with elementary school students to help them develop academic and social skills.

Mentors meet with their mentees during the school year. All volunteers are screened and receive training. E-mail Cynthia Bangali, program coordinator, at cbangali@rockvillemd.gov.

CALL 240-314-8317 FOR INFO

CITY

3,10,17,24 Out To Lunch Wednesdays Food, free music and farmers market are part of a lunch-time street festival. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on E. Montgomery Ave.

4,11 Concert in the Square Concert series featuring local and national bands. 6-8 p.m. at the Rockville Town Square Plaza Stage. **Lyuti Chuski**/Bulgarian and Macedonian Folk, Sept. 4.; **Rob Thorworth**/blues-rock, Sept. 11. FREE

5 First Fridays Deck Party Rooftop happy hour with concert and refreshments. Must be 21 years and older with identification. 5-8pm.; Rockville's Rooftop Terrace, Arts and Innovation Building, 155 Gibbs St., 6th floor. FREE.

6,13,20,27 Rockville Growers' Only Farmers' Market Browse through an array of fresh cut flowers, plants, herbs, fruits, vegetables and baked goods. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street. FREE parking and admission.

16 Oktoberfest Live music, food and drinks for sale, silent auction. Gordon Biersch hosts a tapping party 6-9 p.m. at Rockville's Rooftop Terrace, Arts and Innovation Building, 155 Gibbs St., 6th floor. Free admission. All proceeds from silent auction benefit Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc.

27 Uncorked! Rockville Wine and Music Festival Enjoy the best wines from Maryland as well as cooking demos, wine seminars and live music. noon-6 p.m.; Rockville Town Square. Wine tastings: \$10/includes a commemorative glass for the first 2,000 paid attendees. FREE admission.

TOWN SQUARE

16 Mommy & Me on the Square 10 a.m. to noon. Visit rockvilletown-square.com for details.

18,25 Movies on the Square take in a movie under the stars. 8:30 p.m. (dusk), Thursday nights at Rockville Town Square. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. **See Movie/Sept. 18: The Golden Compass/Sept. 25.** Visit rockvilletownsquare.com for details. Free.

september calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

ARTS

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in the Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive. Box Office open 2-7 p.m. Tues.-Sat. Call 240-314-8690 or online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Service charges apply.

7-29 Art Exhibit and Opening Reception 1:30-3 p.m. Artists **Sheila Blake**, oil and pastels; **Alexey Zoob**, oil on canvas; and **Roger Doyle**, acrylic on canvas and mixed media sculpture; will be on display through Sept. 29. FREE.

7 Sunday Afternoon Concert Series featuring the U.S. Navy Band Chamber Ensemble. 2-3 p.m. FREE.

12,13 THE FINEST! Youth Performance Troupe presents **The Wizard of Oz**, this encore performance is under the artistic direction and choreography of Kashi-Tara and Kelly Chauncey. Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 2 p.m.; \$15 adult, \$10 senior (60+) and child (12 and under).

19-21,26-28 Rockville Little Theatre presents **Noises Off!** Arousing, door-slaming comedy with a glimpse of what's going on backstage at a mystery play production. All shows at 8 p.m.; \$16 adult, \$14 senior (62+) and \$14 student.

NATURE & OUTDOOR

All programs are at Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless otherwise noted. Registration required. Register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.

13 Creek Crawl How many animals live in Croydon Creek? Spend an afternoon in this aquatic habitat. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring a towel. Register by Sept. 6; 1-2:30pm; ages 7-10; \$7 RES/\$9 NR.

13 Appalachian Trail Hike No. 5 An easy 6.5-mile hike. Travel along South Mountain with views of fall foliage. An adult must accompany children. Leaves from Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; ages 10-over; \$36 RES/ \$45 NR.

18 Tiny Tot Walks Incredible Insects Hop, buzz or fly on down to learn more about these tiny beasts through stories, a craft and a bug hunt in the meadow. Some time outdoors so dress for the weather; 10:30-11:15 a.m.; ages 2-3 ½; \$6 RES/ \$7 NR.

18 Tyke Hike Insects Explorers Learn more about this amazing group of animals through stories, a craft and an insect hunt in the meadow. Some time outdoors so dress for the weather; 1-2 p.m.; ages 3 ½-6; \$6 RES/\$7 NR.

20 Plant Presses Make your own mini-plant press and learn how to preserve flowers. Some time outdoors so dress for the weather. Register by Sept. 12 (10 max); 3-4 p.m.; ages 8-12; \$10 RES/\$12 NR.

27 Biking-North Central Rail Trail No. 2 A 20-mile bike ride, north of Baltimore is Part 2 of this historic rail line. Start in New Freedom and travel to York, Pa. An adult must accompany children. Cost includes transportation of you and your bike, leadership and map. Register by Sept. 12; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; ages 8-over; \$36 RES/\$45 NR.

SENIORS

All programs are held at Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Call 240-314-8800.

2,9,16,23 Carnation Players Performing Group Looking for new talent. If you can sing, dance, play an instrument or want to be in a skit, join the fun. Register by Sept. 2; 3-4 p.m.; FREE.

3 September Birthday and Anniversary Party Celebrate with entertainment by The John Brown Band. Sponsored by Barbara and Peter Weidenbruch. Register by Sept. 2; 1:30-3 p.m.; FREE MEM/RES/\$2NR.

3 Clarify Computer Concepts Class held 10 a.m.-noon; \$5MEM/\$7RES/ \$10NR.

8 Maintaining your Computer Class held 10 a.m.-noon; \$6MEM/\$8RES/ \$10NR.

8 Citizenship Class Held 12:30-2:30

p.m.; \$15MEM/\$20RES/ \$25NR.

9 Keyboard and Mouse A Beginners class held 10 a.m.-noon; FREE MEM/ RES/\$3NR.

10 Wayside Theatre: Unnecessary Farce Trip is filled; add name to wait list; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; \$70MEM/ \$88RES/\$111NR.

15,22,29 Piecemakers Club New quilters welcomed. Work on an individual project or join a group. Register by Sept. 8; 12:45-2:45p.m.; \$8MEM/\$10 RES/\$12NR.

16 Personal Injury Workshop Seminar 10 a.m.-noon. FREE.

16,18 Computer Basics 10-11:30 a.m.; \$5MEM/\$7RES/\$10NR

18,25 More Word Processing 1-3 p.m.; \$5MEM/\$7RES/\$10NR

19 Successful Living, Fruitful Aging Seminar 1-2:30 p.m. FREE.

22,24 Personalized T-shirts Class 10 a.m.-noon \$22MEM/\$28 RES/\$34NR.

22,29 Group Piano Elementary I, 9-10 a.m.; Elementary II, 11 a.m.-noon; Intermediate II, 10-11 a.m.; Register by Sept. 15. Classes go through Oct. 27. \$59MEM/\$72RES/ \$84NR.

23 Group Piano Intermediate I, 11 a.m.-noon; Adv. Intermediate, 10-11 a.m. Register by Sept. 16 No class Sept. 30, Nov. 4 & 11. Classes go through Nov. 18. \$59MEM/ \$72RES/\$84NR.

23 Community Victory History of urban gardening from WWII to present by Smithsonian Horticulturist, Brett McNish. Register by Sept. 16; 1-2:30 p.m.; FREE MEM/RES/\$2NR.

24 Art History Highly visual overview of art history. Register by Sept. 17; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Classes go thru Oct. 22. \$15MEM/\$19RES/\$24NR.

24 Rockin' Red Hatters '08 Meet monthly for trips, tours, luncheons and teas. Register by Aug. 29; noon-2 p.m.; \$14MEM/\$18RES/\$23NR.

25 Hispanic Heritage Celebration 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; \$12.

25 Book Club Register by Sept. 18; 10:30-11:30 a.m.; FREE MEM/ RES/ \$2NR.

25 Watercolor Beginner: Basic techniques in color mixing and brushwork. 1-3 p.m.; Advanced: Using skills already mastered. 10 a.m.-noon; Register by Sept. 18; \$63MEM/ \$79RES/ \$99NR; \$6 material fee for new students payable to instructor at first class. Classes go through Nov. 13

26 Basic American Sign Language Beginner course in basic greetings, deaf culture and finger spelling. New and continuing students are welcome. Register by Sept. 19; 1-1:45 p.m.; \$10MEM/\$14RES/ \$20NR. Classes go through Nov. 21

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

3 Rockville Bike Advisory Committee 7:15 p.m.

6 Board of Appeals 9:30 a.m.

9 Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission 6 p.m.

9 Commission on the Environment 7:30 p.m.

9 Human Services Advisory Commission 7:30 p.m.

10 Planning Commission 7 p.m.

10 Cultural Arts Commission 7 p.m.

10 Rockville Sister City 7:30 p.m.

16 Rockville Seniors, Inc. 1 p.m., Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

17 Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m., 621-A Southlawn Lane.

18 Senior Citizens Commission 10 a.m.-12 noon, Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

18 Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m.

30 Traffic and Transportation Commission 7:30 p.m.

INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the
City Government at Work

Residents Recognized for Service in the Community

The Mayor and Council recognized 19 Rockville residents for their combined 127 years of commitment to the community through service on a variety of boards and commissions.

"We couldn't do government without you," said Mayor Susan R. Hoffmann. "It's just that simple."

"Your contribution, selflessness and devotion is appreciated," she said during the July 29 Mayor and Council meeting.

The following residents who retired from service in Fiscal Year 2008 were recognized for their contributions:

- **Steven Shwartzman**, Board of Appeals, five years
- **Bridget Newton**, Compensation Commission, 14 years
- **Robert Wright**, Compensation Commission, five years
- **Michelle Beadle**, Human Services Advisory Commission, two years
- **Norene Stovall**, Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission, eight years
- **John Britton**, Planning Commission, five years
- **John Sverha**, Retirement Board, five years

- **Allen Gorrellick**, Retirement Board, 11 years
- **Helen Heneghan**, Recreation and Park Board, 10 years
- **Stephen Cain**, Rockville Economic Development, Inc., six years
- **Rosalie Bernstein**, Rockville Economic Development, Inc., four years
- **Ruth O'Sullivan**, Rockville Housing Enterprises, Inc., 10 years
- **Mary Barber**, Rockville Seniors, Inc., six years
- **Mary Jane Walling**, Rockville

- Seniors, Inc., five months
- **Stephanie Wright**, Rockville Sister City Corporation, nine years
- **Joy Murorunkwere**, Rockville Sister City Corporation, two years
- **Jonathan Triandafilou**, Senior Citizens Commission, six years
- **Ephrem Esebe**, Traffic and Transportation Commission, six years
- **Alice Filemyr**, Traffic and Transportation Commission, 13 years

Seven Named to Boards, Commissions

The Mayor and Council appointed or reappointed seven residents to serve on five of the 23 boards and commissions. They are:

- **Teresa Ham** – Cultural Arts Com., appointment to July 1, 2010
- **Lena Liu** – Cultural Arts Com., reappointment to July 1, 2010
- **George Sushinsky** – Recreation and Park Board, reappointment to July 1, 2010
- **Alex Espinosa** – Retirement Board, appointment to July 1, 2011
- **Wayne Savage** – Rockville Sister

City Corp., reappointment to July 1, 2011

- **Robert Turner** – Sign Review Board, reappointment to July 1, 2011
- **Douglas Worthing** – Sign Review Board, reappointment to July 1, 2011

Currently there are 12 boards and commissions with openings. If you would like to get involved and apply to serve in one of the vacancies, go to www.rockvillemd.gov and click on boards and commissions in the left column, or call 240-314-8281. **RR**



Fiber optic cable network coming this fall.

Mayor and Council OK Agreement with Verizon Arrangement Brings Choice for Residents

The Mayor and Council approved a cable franchise agreement with Verizon Maryland, Inc., that will allow Verizon to provide cable television services in Rockville. Until now, only Comcast held a franchise to provide cable services in the City.

"We are very happy that Rockville residents will now have competition between cable companies," said Mayor Susan R. Hoffmann. "This competition will benefit our residents with choices in programming, as well as with improved customer service and better rates."

Earlier this summer, the Mayor and Council approved an agreement with Verizon, setting the terms and conditions for the company to install and maintain a fiber optic cable network in the City's rights-of-way.

Under the new cable franchise agreement, Verizon will make its cable television services available in two phases. The first phase will include the parts of Rockville served by Verizon's Rockville and Montrose "wire centers" or "central offices," which includes most of the city. The second phase will include those areas served by the Gaithersburg wire center — primarily the King Farm area.

Under the 15-year agreement, Verizon will pay the City 5 percent of gross revenues for use of the City rights-of-ways. The franchise agreement also includes customer service standards, technical and testing standards, provisions for carrying the City's municipal television channel (Rockville Channel 11), and performance securities. The franchise applies to only cable television services and not to high-speed Internet and telephone services.

The Mayor and Council also approved an agreement with Montgomery County to have the County administer and enforce the franchise agreement, as it does with the Comcast franchise agreement. **RR**



Mayor
Susan R. Hoffmann



Councilmember
John B. Britton



Councilmember
Piotr Gajewski



Councilmember
Phyllis Marcuccio



Councilmember
Anne M. Robbins

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on Rockville Channel 11, and are available on streaming video at www.rockvillemd.gov. Residents may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" portion at most General Session meetings. All meetings are subject to change.

- **Sept. 8 (Mon.)** Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 11 (Thurs.)** Worksession on the Zoning Ordinance, *no citizens forum*, 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 22 (Mon.)** Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.

Watch Mayor and Council meetings live on Rockville Channel 11 and on-demand streaming video at www.rockvillemd.gov.

Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents for drop-in discussions from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall. No appointment is necessary, but a call to the City Clerk Office is appreciated as drop in times are subject to change. Call 240-314-8280.

In addition to Mayor Hoffmann, the Councilmember scheduled for August is:

- **Sept. 22 (Mon.)** Phyllis Marcuccio

Boards & Commission Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for:

- Animal Matters Board (one)
- Board of Appeals (one)
- Commission on the Environment (one)
- Compensation Commission (two)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (one)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs (three)
- Personnel Appeals Board (one)
- Retirement Board (one)
- Rockville Sister City (one)
- Sign Review Board (one)
- Traffic and Transportation Commission (one)

For more information, call the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov.

Foundation Dedicated to City's Rec and Parks Programs

In a continuing effort to provide Rockville residents with the best possible recreation and parks programs and facilities, the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc., was established.

The foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to obtain grants the City could not otherwise receive and to raise money.

"It is exciting to be part of this new organization that can help Rockville residents today, and shape the future with funds from outside the tax base," said Steve Edwards, foundation board secretary. "This foundation is committed to raising money and seeking

grants that not only support the Recreation Fund, but that provide the means necessary to enhance all that the Recreation and Parks Department has to offer."

In 2004, the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board met with the Mayor and Council to establish how Rockville could fulfill unmet recreational needs in the city and how to increase opportunities to provide leisure activities for all residents. The foundation is a result of those discussions and efforts.

The partnership between the City and the foundation allows a nonprofit dedicated to Rockville recreation and parks to seek grants while ensuring donors that

the high standards of the City of Rockville will prevail in the administration.

Tax deductible donations can be made to the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc., and sent to 77 S. Washington St., Rockville, MD 20850. For more information, call 240-314-8867. **RR**

Board of Directors

Patrick J. Smith, President; Charles S. Carroccio, Jr., V.P.; Kevin G. Bradley, Treasurer; Stephen H. Edwards, Secretary; Vincent "Chip" Boylan, member

The foundation is seeking two board members, who must live in the city, call 240-314-8280.

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essay. Currently, the Mayor and Council are working to complete the Rockville Zoning ordinance. The zoning ordinance and master plan work in concert with one another.

The master plan is broken into 18 planning areas with an emphasis on subject areas that include residential neighborhoods, economic development, non-residential, Town Center, historic preservation, housing, recreation, parks and open space, transportation and community appearance,

and design. The City wants residents to give input on the review.

Residents, workers, and property owners are encouraged to review specific sections of the master plan depending on their interests. For example, communities may want to review and comment on the planning area specific to their neighborhood. Or a City cycling group may want to review the bikeways section.

Some new elements that the State of Maryland now requires municipalities to consider in their review include development ca-

capacity, municipal growth and water resources.

For more about the Comprehensive Master Plan, go to www.rockvillemd.gov, click on master plan in the left column, or call Ann Wallas at 240-314-8200. **RR**

Zoning Ordinance Nears Completion

Several worksessions and public hearings have been held. Introduction and adoption of the zoning ordinance is expected this fall.

Go to www.rockvillemd.gov / zoning for more info. **RR**

New Crosswalk Signal Can Aide Visually and Hearing Impaired

Rockville is making it safer and easier for residents to cross the street. Three city crosswalks are currently equipped with Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS), and many more are on the way.

APS systems are designed to make crosswalks safe and accessible for the visually and hearing impaired. APS works by using audible tones, verbal messages and Brail surfaces.

This new technology is part of the City's commitment to fulfilling Title II of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), which requires municipalities and states to make their pedestrian crossings accessible to all.

For the visually impaired, APS produces a location-specific beeping sound and verbal message that designates when it is safe to cross the street. Each APS location will include a locator tone that guides the pedestrian to the push button, so that the pedestrian can hear over the noise at the intersec-

tion. APS is highly personalized – as the crosser can adjust the audio volume by holding down the push-button.

For the hearing impaired, the devices will vibrate to indicate when it is safe to enter the crosswalk. The APS also includes raised-arrow push buttons to indicate the direction of travel in the crosswalk.

In the fiscal year 2010, Rockville will recommend to put APS in all of the City-owned 43 traffic signals in the Capital Improvements Program. The cost of implementing APS devices on a typical intersection is estimated at \$30,000.

Rockville's current APS systems can be found at the crosswalk on Richard Montgomery Drive and Fleet Street, South Washington Street and Route 28 and the third at the entrance to the Tower Oaks and West Lake development on Tower Oaks Boulevard. **RR**

– by Gabrielle Stranieri



The BigBelly solar-powered trash compactor is located at Rockville's RedGate Golf Course.

Trash is No Match for BigBelly RedGate's Solar-Powered Compactor is Environmentally Friendly

Rockville began a pilot program this summer with BigBelly, a solar-powered trash compactor, which furthers the City's efforts to achieve a sustainable community.

A BigBelly trash compactor was installed earlier this summer at RedGate Golf Course, where it will remain for permanent use.

BigBelly is a 32-gallon trash-can that runs on solar energy and allows for a capacity five times greater than its size. Essentially, the solar-powered

battery operates the compactor, which has a sensor that activates when the trash reaches a certain capacity. A solar panel on top of the unit generates power to the battery.

"The BigBelly trash compactors are much more efficient," said RedGate Golf Professional Kieron Mooney. "This is extremely helpful to our staff. It drastically reduces the number of times staff spends on trash removal, all the while being very eco-friendly. **RR**

Musical Opportunities Abound for Adults and Students

The Rockville Chorus and the Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra will each hold auditions during September, seeking residents who want to sing and students who want to play as part of a group.

The Rockville Chorus will hold auditions for adults 18 and over Monday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.

Established in 1972, the approximately 70-member chorus, has been led by Bryan Seith and with piano accompaniment by Dick Gilbert.

The Rockville Chorus performs free concerts for the Rockville community and regional audiences. Two of its annual concerts are held in

May and December at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at Rockville Civic Center Park. There is a membership fee of approximately \$50 each season.

For students in grades four through nine, RRYO offers a beginning level orchestra program.

Auditions will be held Sept. 16, 17 and 18 from 5-8 p.m. at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.

Students should be able to play selected musical scales, a solo selection of their choice and know how to sight read. Audition fee is \$15 due at time of audition.



The group rehearses weekly from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at Rockville Civic Center Park. The fee is \$125 per semester for residents and \$160 for non-residents. To learn more about the City sponsored group, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/arts/rryo.htm.

Call Julie Farrell at 240-314-8682 or e-mail her at jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov to schedule an audition time and date. Registration forms will be available for both auditions at the audition. **RR**

Job Opportunities with the City...

□ **Neighborhood Resources Coordinator:** Performs intermediate to difficult professional and intermediate administrative work acting as an ombudsman and liaison between neighborhood groups and the City of Rockville. (Full-time)

□ **Community Center Supervisor:** Performs intermediate professional and administrative work involving the day-to-day management and supervision of a community center. (Full-time)

□ **Swim Instructor:** Responsible for teaching "How to Swim" lessons. Responsible for maintaining a safe environment to teach in; help with planning and implementing programs; work alone or under supervision; responsible for paperwork required. (Temporary)

To learn more about these and other position, go to www.rockvillemd.gov and click on careers in the navigation bar on the left.

THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL SEPTEMBER PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE							
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 Midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission	Historic District Com.	Mayor & Council	Mayor & Council	Historic District Com.	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission
6 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 a.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 a.m.	On Patrol Encore	Into the Blue	Inside Rec&Parks Encore	Rockville Rides	The Rockville Way	Into the Blue	Rockville Rides
7:30 a.m.	Rockville Rides	The Rockville Way	K-9 Cops	Into the Blue	Rebirth of a Town Ctr.	Rockville Rides	Into the Blue
8 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 a.m.	Historic District Com.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council
9 a.m.	▼	Inside Rec & Parks Encore	Rockville Rides	On Patrol Encore	Into the Blue	Inside Rec & Parks Encore	▼
9:30 a.m.	▼	Rockville Rides	The Rockville Way	K-9 Cops	Inside Rec & Parks Encore	K-9 Cops	▼
10 a.m.	▼	On Patrol Encore	Into the Blue	The Rockville Way	Rockville Rides	The Rockville Way	▼
10:30 a.m.	▼	Rebirth of a Town Center	K-9 Cops	Into the Blue	K-9 Cops	Rockville Rides	▼
11 a.m.	▼	The Rockville Way	HTH Rewind	Rebirth of a Town Center	HTH Rewind	On Patrol Encore	Inside Rec & Parks Encore
11:30 a.m.	Into the Blue	HTH Rewind	Inside Rec&Parks Encore	Rockville Rides	On Patrol Encore	Into the Blue	K-9 Cops
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
12:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
1 p.m. until meeting ends	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Historic District Com.	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission
4 p.m.	HTH Rewind	▼	The Rockville Way	▼	▼	The Rockville Way	▼
4:30 p.m.	The Rockville Way	▼	Into the Blue	Rockville Rides	▼	Inside Rec & Parks Encore	▼
5 p.m.	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Into the Blue	Rockville's Pike Meeting	K-9 Cops	Rockville's Pike Meeting	On Patrol Encore	The Rockville Way
5:30 p.m.	▼	The Rockville Way	▼	The Rockville Way	▼	Into the Blue	On Patrol Encore
6 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 p.m.	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Rockville Rides	Planning Commission	Into the Blue	Mayor & Council	Rockville Rides
7:30 p.m.	▼	▼	Rebirth of a Town Center	▼	The Rockville Way	▼	Into the Blue
8 p.m.	▼	▼	Into the Blue	▼	Rockville Rides	Com. (HDC) (3rd Thurs.)	Rebirth of a Town Center
8:30 p.m.	▼	▼	Inside Rec & Parks Encore	▼	Rebirth of a T.C.	▼	K-9 Cops
9 p.m.	▼	▼	On Patrol Encore	▼	K-9 Cops	▼	On Patrol Encore
9:30 p.m.	▼	▼	The Rockville Way	▼	Inside Rec & Parks	▼	The Rockville Way
10 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
10:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
11 p.m.	Into the Blue	Rockville Rides	Into the Blue	The Rockville Way	Into the Blue	Rockville Rides	Inside Rec & Parks Encore
11:30 p.m.	The Rockville Way	Into the Blue	Rockville Rides	Into the Blue	The Rockville Way	The Rockville Way	Rockville Rides



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